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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Deborah Malamud

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 January 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-68 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 16-67 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 and 68 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 08 April 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. The examiner acknowledges the amendments received 30 January 2007.

Claims 16-67 are withdrawn; new claim 68 is added; claims 1-15 and 68 are pending.

Claim Objections

2. In view of the amendments made to the status of the claims, the examiner withdraws the objection to claims 16-67.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments filed 30 January 2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The applicant argues (page 15, "Remarks") that Gill (previously cited reference) "does not disclose pacing at a rate lower than bradycardia pacing," and that "[a]s such, Gill does not teach each and every element and limitation of independent claim 1 and cannot support an anticipation rejection of the claim." The examiner respectfully disagrees. It is noted that the features upon which applicant relies (i.e., pacing at a rate lower than bradycardia pacing) are not recited in the rejected claim(s). Although the claims are interpreted in light of the specification, limitations from the specification are not read into the claims. See *In re Van Geuns*, 988 F.2d 1181, 26 USPQ2d 1057 (Fed. Cir. 1993). Gill's device, as illustrated in previously cited paragraphs, discloses a treatment for asystole that comprises a non-physiologic, life sustaining pacing therapy, as required by claim 1.

4. For this reason, and for the reasons described in the previous Non-Final Office Action, the rejections are maintained.

Election/Restrictions

5. The applicant further argues, (pages 14, "Remarks") "Claim 1 recites 'non-physiologic, life sustaining pacing therapy' while claim 16 recites 'pacing therapy deliverable at a rate lower than a bradycardia pacing rate.' The Applicant respectfully submits that the phrases 'non-physiologic, life sustaining pacing therapy' and 'pacing therapy deliverable at a rate lower than a bradycardia pacing rate' both refer to asystole therapies in the context of the disclosure. For example, the specification states that '[i]n an embodiment in which asystole prevention pacing is also made available, the SCDP device 502 produces pacing pulses in accordance with a non-physiologic, life sustaining pacing therapy, such as pacing therapy deliverable at a rate lower than a bradycardia pacing rate.'" The examiner would again like to note that though the claims are interpreted in light of the specification, limitations from the specification are not read into the claims. As it pertains to the restriction requirement, the energy delivery circuitry of claim 1 administers a different therapy strategy, in response to a different, more specific cardiac condition than that required by the energy delivery circuitry of claim 16. Since the two inventions (group I and group II, including base claims 1 and 16 respectively) comprise different energy delivery circuitry and control circuitry and treat different conditions with different strategies, group I has a separate utility from group I, and therefore the restriction is deemed proper.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
7. Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Gill (U.S. 5,074,301). For a full discussion of the claimed elements, please see above, and the previous Non-Final Office Action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

8. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
9. Claims 13-15 and 68 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gill (U.S. 5,074,301). For a full discussion of the claimed elements, please see above, and the previous Non-Final Office Action.
10. As to claim 68, Gill discloses the claimed invention except for delivering pacing pulses at a rate between 5-20 pulses per minute. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to deliver pacing pulses at a rate of 5-20 pulses per minute, since it has been held that discovering the optimum or workable ranges involves only routine skill in the art. *In re Aller*, 105 USPQ 233.

Conclusion

11. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

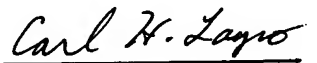
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12. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Deborah Malamud whose telephone number is (571) 272-2106. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 9.00am-5.30pm.

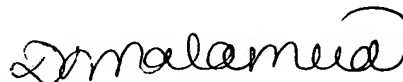
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Carl Layno can be reached on (571) 272-4949. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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